

REMARKS

Claims 1-16 and 20-22 are pending in the application. Claims 1-9 and 14-16 have been allowed. Claims 10-13 and 20-22 have been cancelled without prejudice to filing a continuing application directed to the subject matter of these claims. Therefore, only allowed claims 1-9 and 14-16 remain in the application.

Claims 5 and 7 have been amended to add multiple dependencies.

The application is objected to for failing to contain an abstract. In response to this objection, applicants provide an abstract, on a separate sheet, concurrently with this amendment.

Claims 10-13 and 20-22 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. In view of the cancellation of claims 10-13 and 20-22, this rejection is moot.

Claim 12 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by WO 96/38131 (WO '131). In view of the cancellation of claim 12, this rejection also is moot.

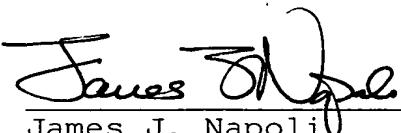
All outstanding issues have been addressed, and, it is submitted that application is in a form for allowance.

Should the examiner wish to discuss the foregoing, or any matter of form in an effort to advance this application toward allowance, the examiner is urged to telephone the undersigned at the indicated number.

Respectfully submitted,

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